

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 were examined and reported in the Office Action. Claims 1-11 are allowed. Claims 12-14 are rejected. Claims 12 and 15 are amended. Claims 1-16 remain.

Applicant requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

I. 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

It is asserted in the Office Action that claims 12-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as being anticipated by U. S. Patent No. 6,429,679 issued to Kim et al. ("Kim").

It is asserted in the Office Action that Kim does not teach or fairly suggest a method or an on D-RAM termination resistance control circuit comprising among other things, that wherein the resistance adjustment control means includes a ring oscillator controlling means for outputting a control signal to start an operation and finish the operation for the predetermined commanded adjustment time depending on an external resistance adjust command (Claim 1); and outputting a pulse at every cycle while oscillating based on the control signal (claim 15).

Applicant has amended claim 12 to include the allowable limitations from claim 15. Therefore, amended claim 12 is now placed in allowable form. Additionally, since Applicant's claims 13-14 either directly or indirectly depend on amended claim 12, Applicant's claims 13-14 are allowable for the same reason.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's assertion that claims 1-11 are allowed. Applicant also notes with appreciation the Examiner's assertion that claims 15 and 16 are objected to for depending on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has amended claim 12 to include limitations of claim 15 that are asserted to be allowable over Kim.

Applicant respectfully asserts that claims 1-16, as they now stand, are allowable for the reasons given above.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that claims 1-16 patentably define the subject invention over the cited references of record, and are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would be useful in moving the case forward, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17, particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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